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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CHRISTOPER KOHLS,

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

Plaintiff,

STIPULATION AND ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

ROB BONTA, ET AL.,

Judge: John A. Mendez

Defendants.

THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, ET AL.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

Plaintiffs.

V.

ROB BONTA, ET AL.

Defendants.

STIPULATION

1. This Court recognized that the above-entitled actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123. Dkt. 44.

2. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions challenge the same two California statutes: AB 2839 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20012) and AB 2655 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20510).

3. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions bring the same or similar constitutional claims against the same Defendants: California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber.

4. All parties in the above-entitled matters consent to consolidation of these actions.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby STIPULATE that:

5. The above-entitled actions shall be consolidated.

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Plaintiff,

v.

ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of California, and SHIRLEY N. WEBER, in her official capacity as California Secretary of State,

Defendants.

THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, and KELLY CHANG RICKERT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of California, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

1 Before the Court is Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert,
2 Plaintiff Christopher Kohls, and Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N Weber's
3 stipulation to consolidate *The Babylon Bee, LLC v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-2787-JAM-CKD,
4 with *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD. Good cause appearing, the Court
5 makes the following orders:

6 1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42, the actions denominated as Kohls v. Bonta,
7 et al. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD and The Babylon Bee, LLC, et al v. Feldstein
8 Soto, et al., Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD are hereby **CONSOLIDATED**;

9 2. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD is designated as the "master file;"

10 3. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to add all complaints and answers
11 filed in Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD to the master file;

12 4. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE**
13 Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD; and

14 5. The parties are **DIRECTED** to file all future pleadings, motions and other
15 filings ONLY in Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: October 24, 2024

/s/ John A. Mendez

19 THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ
20 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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